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Chief's Corner: Planning and Mitigation FFY 16 EMPG Projects

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) Planning and Mitigation Branch has identified the following FFY 2016 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) projects. This list is provided with the continual intent of 1) ensuring visibility and 2) promoting inclusion of stakeholders.

1. **Kansas Response Plan (KRP) revision:** Sustainment project. This project supports and updates the KRP.
2. **Local Planning Support:** Sustainment project. Provides staff time for the review and support of county planning, monthly EOP webinars, 7 regional EOP workshops, other requested planning trainings, and funding of

kansasplanner.com.

3. **State Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP):** Sustainment project. Provides staff time to manage state COOP planning, training, and exercise program.
4. **Hazard Mitigation Grants Management:** Sustainment project. This project provides
5. **Hazard Mitigation Planning Support:** Sustainment project. This project funds staff time to support state and regional hazard mitigation planning and training.
6. **CRMCS:** Sustainment project. This project provides for staff time to manage the

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“ By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. ”

~ Benjamin Franklin

CRMCS, training, and annual maintenance fees.

7. **Logistics Planning:** Sustainment project. Provides staff time for state logistics planning and support regional capabilities assessment rollout.
8. **GIS:** Sustainment project. Provides staff time for state and county GIS support and funds the Kansas-MAP application.



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Continuity of Operations Training

COOP 101

Site specific training available upon request (with a months notice) for any State or County entity. Training can be multi-tiered and tailored for any level of staff involvement.

Requestor is responsible for venue, however, local businesses are encouraged to join any session with permission from the requestor.

ONLINE TRAINING

Online training can be found at:

<http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>

Recommended:

IS-547 An Introduction to Continuity of Operations
IS-526 Mission Essential Functions Workshop
IS-545 Reconstitution Planning Course
IS-546 Continuity of Operations Awareness
IS-548 Continuity of Operations Program Manager
IS-551 Continuity of Operations Devolution Planning

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19, 2016—Beginners COOP Workshop and State Agency Leadership Seminar

October 19, 2016— Intermediate COOP Workshop

>> Register at <https://ks.train.org>

CONTACT

To schedule COOP 101 training or for questions concerning the development of COOP plans contact:

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“Just because things are going well now, doesn’t mean they can’t suddenly go horribly wrong.”



The idea of “we have got this” attitude has been a detriment to government as long as I can remember. Complacency is defined as a feeling of quiet pleasure or security, often while unaware of some potential danger, defect, or the like; self-satisfaction or smug satisfaction with an existing situation, condition, etc. (2016, Dictionary.com). Complacency is a by-product of moderate success, demonstrated by a lack of urgency and illusion of comfort, and often precedes serious problems (Young, 2004. *Fighting the Complacency Trap: 5 Steps to Keeping Your Franchise Growing*).

When one is complacent, you tend to fail to recognize small but significant changes. It also makes one overconfident (Wilson, 2010. *Complacency-The Silent Killer*). Complacency is also known as the silent killer. It can kill your programs, department and public trust.

There is another factor that can lead to complacency which is public apathy. How many of us have heard from our commissioners “what is emergency management and why do we need it”? When describing your job to the general public, the mindset “it has never happened here” seems to be a constant detriment to your program. Trying to make oneself relevant when the people do not see a need to plan, exercise, and prepare is hard to overcome. There is also a distrust in government so no matter what level of government you are at; the people will show an indifference towards you.

One has to be self-aware of when you are over your head and need to reach out for assistance. What happens when all your resources are used up, damaged, and the fight for saving your communities is still a

battle that you are over your head with? When do you open up your county emergency operations plans, re-read your capabilities and know immediately that you are in need of mutual aid or assistance from your State? An Emergency Operations Plan is an effective way to combat complacency beginning simply with the planning process itself and eventually involving the exercising of the plan.

Asking for help during an emergency does not show weakness but the knowledge of knowing in advance you cannot handle what is coming into your county! Getting ready for weather events ahead of the storms, or knowing recent activity along fault lines that will cause damage or system failures. Having the knowledge of exactly what a tornado can do will help communities plan ahead of the storms. The man-made events we can

3 Strategies to Fighting Complacency¹

1. Keep the goal in mind.
2. Think several steps ahead
3. Set the bar higher

¹JPCMC, 2014. [3 Strategies to Fight Complacency in the Workplace](#)

plan for but the fore knowledge of when and where an act of terrorism or an accident is going to happen is still an unknown factor in our planning process.

What are the triggers you looked for when preparing for an event where the decision is made to request mutual aid? Do all your players within the county emergency opera-

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tions plan know what those triggers are? What are you going to do when your closest partners need the same help, and you have to reach out of your region for mutual aid help? Have you communicated, practiced, and networked with other regions so you know what their capabilities are?

Once you know your partners, you know their capabilities, and what they can bring to enhance your county's response to incidents. The advantage is you know ahead of time who you can rely on, and who has what pieces of equipment that you can use if needed. Relationship building is another way to combat complacency.



Resource Highlight

Hot Food Trailer Shower/Restroom Trailer



Did you know about this resource? The Great Plains United Methodist Conference Disaster Response Team



The Great Plains United Methodist Conference Disaster Response Team is available 24/7 to assist with any type of disaster or crisis in the States of Kansas and Nebraska. Further, they are available to respond immediately after a disaster. The disaster can be for one person, one family, multiple families and/or an entire community.

Available services and assistance:

Damage assessment – They have a four page damage assessment tool that provides helpful information for all agencies involved.

Early Response Teams – Trained, Safe Gatherings certified individuals to provide:

- Debris removal
- Mucking out after floods
- Tarping of roofs/and homes – we bring our own tool trailers with all supplies needed.

Spiritual & Emotional Care Teams – Trained with

NVOAD and UMCOR materials and Safe Gatherings certified.

Case Management

Long Term Recovery Committee organization

Active Shooter Training

Featured Resource: Hot Food Trailer

Capability: Self-contained operation capable of feeding of 500 persons per meal. Consist of 4 trailers, kitchen/serving trailer, support trailer providing water/wastewater and water heater, storage trailer containing deep freeze plus dining canopies with table and chairs, and a trailer mounted diesel generator. Volunteers would be provided to operate.

Location: Newton, KS

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CRMCS Features

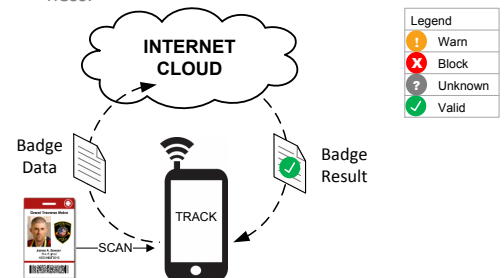
Incident Self Check-in

This feature allows responders to remotely check-in to an incident for accountability purposes. This ability is permission based allowing for the control of who's authorized to use this feature. This can be established for jurisdictions within SalamanderLive.

The potential uses for this feature are limitless. For example, self check-in could be utilized by rural/volunteer fire departments to electronically document responders reporting and time spent on an incident. Additionally, by utilizing this feature command and control would have the ability to GPS reference their responders in the field via the internet with the new GIS Platform within SalamanderLive.

GIS Platform

This feature allows authorized SalamanderLive users to visually display data from an incident geographically. This means that location information can be added for ICP, EOC, Reception Centers, Staging Areas and any other significant incident location. Additionally, responders utilizing a mobile device with GPS functionality can relay real-time location information to command for significantly increased situational awareness.



Salamander Identification Verification

This feature greatly aids in access control and identity verification. By utilizing the mobile app 02 TRACK accountability personnel can verify and authenticate a responders Identification Credentialing Card (IDCC), or more commonly referred to as a credentialing badge.

Deployable Equipment Report

This feature is accessible to all user of SalamanderLive to generate a report of all deployable equipment within Kansas to include location and POC. Further, users can sort, apply filters, and export this report as needed.

>> ACCESS/SEARCH DEPLOYABLE EQUIPMENT ONLINE AT http://maps.kansastag.gov/kansas_mapv4/

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Featured Resource: Shower/Restroom Trailer

Capacity: Three complete restrooms that each contain a toilet, sink, and shower. Tank-less water heater provides continuous hot water to showers and sinks without any recovery time. Plus a combination washer/dryer for use by long term volunteers. Connects to utilities, if available, or can be self-contained when accompanied by the support trailer. Operators can be provided.

Location: Parsons, Madison, KS

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Mappers World

Situational Awareness

By: Jesse Smith



Hello Emergency Management Partners,

I proudly call myself an OCD Mapper. I believe many GIS folks are. As part of the Planning Section within ICS, it is our job to provide an accurate assessment of the situation to our Policy Group. We all know this is a very difficult task, especially at the beginning. It is during this crucial window that decisions can have the most impact. Therefore, I am sure we can all agree that the most educated and informed decisions generally are the best decisions. Certainly, at least, we can say the best defensible decisions...

How do you gather your Situational Awareness (SA)? How do you relay that information to others? Is any of that information public? What human or technological resources do you use to gather your SA? Are they both readily available in your EOC?

Well it has officially gone far enough into the article without mentioning GIS that I cannot handle it anymore. "GIS, GIS, GIS, GIS." There. I feel better. My vague point to all of this is really quite simple. When we are creating our SA, we are creating a picture of the world to reflect what is happening right now. GIS, and maps, are just one facet of many that are needed to accurately and widely disseminate the much needed information and data derived from all types of differing sources. To the extent we can, it is our job to ensure the data and information attached with it are as complete as possible, because, be sure of it, immediately after the Governor and Adjutant General are briefed, they go straight to the press conference.

So, what information management processes are you in control of? What steps do you take to ensure the integrity of the data? As the world gets smaller, and information travels even faster, the possibilities of easily and quickly gathering information and data are ever increasing. Thus, our vigilance in vetting and ensuring the quality of our information must increase as well.

The leadership at KDEM has drank the GIS Kool-Aid. I have given

Kansas Mitigation Program Overview

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Open Disasters:	6
Open Projects:	18
Projects Approved YTD:	5
YTD Approved Projects Amount:	\$2,375,000
Current Disasters Project Amounts:	\$6,000,000
Recent (past 4 mos.) Disasters:	DR-4230
Significant Upcoming Dates:	None

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)

Ongoing Projects:	FY 13—1 project (safe room) FY 14—1 project (safe room) FY 15—2 projects (safe rooms)
Significant Upcoming Dates:	None

Resources:

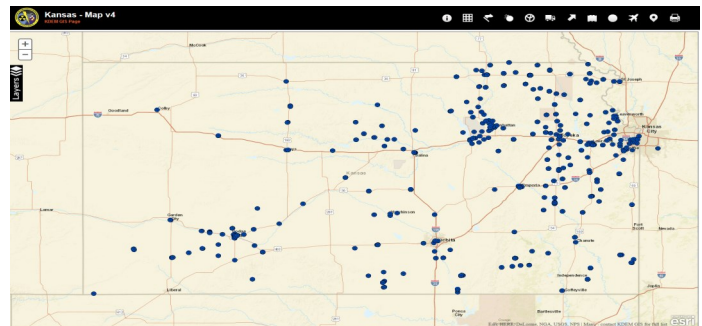
[HMA Grants Fact Sheet](#); [FY16 PDM Fact Sheet](#); [FY16 FMA Fact Sheet](#)

>> FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT jacob.s.gray.nfg@mail.mil

them seconds even. Using the GIS is central to our process in the State EOC. I fully understand that not all 105 sovereign jurisdictions in Kansas utilize GIS, or have had said potion. I also understand the value of GIS, and a broad GIS program at that. If you would like to talk information management, SA, GIS, technology, or any and all things KU Basketball, please do not hesitate to call us. We genuinely enjoy hearing from all our Partners, and we learn something from every conversation. It is only when we are able to integrate seamlessly, that we eliminate information holes and can provide the professional product the residents of Kansas deserve.

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Need Access to Kansas-MAP?

Kansas-MAP is a GIS application that provides usable information to decisions makers aiding in coordination, situational awareness, and resource management. To request access to this application please contact KDEM's GIS shop (contacts above).

Profile of an Emergency Manager

Mike Haase, Gove County Emergency Management Coordinator

How long have you been an Emergency Manager? *11 months*

What is your most memorable experience as an emergency manager? *"The November 2015 tornado in Grainfield KS was my first memorable experience as Gove's emergency manager. It allowed me to see first hand how well organized our county needs to be in the event of disaster and an opportunity for me to see how we could improve our services."*

What is your least memorable experience as an emergency manager? *"As with most positions, mine includes a certain amount of paperwork and the grants we apply for all require a fair amount of it. The hours spent getting caught up with our policies and funding applications were less than memorable."*

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? *"In 5 year's time, I hope to be well established in this position. There's a lot to learn and always more situations to train for. I'd like to see our County benefit from all this hard work. It's important to realize we train for things we pray never will happen and 5 years of learning would mean I would have even more to offer Gove County."*

What are your hobbies/interest outside of work? *"We're in the perfect area to appreciate the great outdoors. I love spending time with my family on our boat and teaching my daughter to hunt & fish. It's a great way to reconnect with the surroundings and I'm really looking forward to spending a lot of the summer at the lake."*



Rants, Raves, Cuss and Discuss Letters To The Chief

Dear Chief,

Why has the state stopped sustaining some local accountability software?



I'd like to begin addressing this question by first clarifying that only **mobileExpress** sustainment will be discontinued as of August 1st and by explaining the "why" behind the states involvement in sustaining local Salamander accountability equipment.

The division began paying for accountability software in 2014 and did so using a negotiated agreement with the vendor to reduce total sustainment cost statewide. At the time the total annual cost to sustain maintenance agreements on all accountability equipment surpassed \$220,000. This was an expense paid for almost entirely with local and regional funds. The negotiated "state sustainment cap", paid by KDEM, greatly reduced the states total cost for sustainment and effectively

freed these monies locally to be used on other needed and necessary projects.

The decision to stop sustaining **mobileExpress** was made for the division by a Salamander notification that they would no longer be developing or providing maintenance on the software. Frankly, while this change has implications on locally accountability capabilities, it was not a decision of KDEM but merely the effect of a change made by Salamander.

To reiterate, the sustainment of previously purchased **rapidTAG** and **Command** software will continue to be supported by the division.

Respectfully,
Bryan Murdie

KDEM Planning and Mitigation Branch Director

Rant!



NEXT ISSUE:

COOPKansas.com Migration

The two planning systems that the state utilizes, COOPKansas and KansasPlanner, are being combined into one system (KansasPlanner.com) in efforts to consolidate the numerous tools available to the emergency management community.

2017 Kansas Response Plan

The update process to the state emergency response plan and how you can contribute.

Kansas Capability Assessment Tool (KCAT)

An update to KCAT that incorporates jurisdictional scenarios and impacts allowing users to provide context to a disaster and plan resources accordingly.

>> FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE

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